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Mr. Fisher Howe
Deputy Executive Director
Commission on the Organization of the
Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy
2025 M Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear Fisher:

STAT This is in reference to your letter of August 15, 1974, to [] of my Staff outlining the information needed by Mr. Phil Oldenburg for his research study. We have already taken steps to get a clearance for Mr. Oldenburg based on the ground rules you and I discussed on Thursday, i.e., he will be granted a SECRET clearance on a "need-to-know" basis with the explicit understanding that the use of such information will not include the citation of materials or individuals. Moreover, it will not be necessary for him to have access to the actual documents or estimates to which he refers, but he will instead be briefed from those documents as appropriate. I understand these rules will apply not only to Mr. Oldenburg but to other researchers under Mr. Bacchus' direction who may seek interviews with members of the Intelligence Community, always provided that they receive approval from the Office of Security.

Turning to the issues which Mr. Oldenburg has suggested for discussion: Questions 3, 4, and 5 can be handled by officers in our Directorate for Intelligence. They will be pleased to talk with Mr. Oldenburg on Thursday, August 22, 1974, at 2:00 p.m. Question 2 seems more appropriately to fall under the purview of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. The first question is also largely beyond the purview of the Intelligence Community, but I would refer you to the testimony of

the Director of Central Intelligence before the Subcommittee on Military Construction of the Senate Committee on Armed Services which appeared on pages S 14092 - S 14095 of the Congressional Record of 1 August 1974.

I certainly enjoyed our lunch last week, and will be looking forward to working closely with you and members of the Commission Staff as you continue your studies and research.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Associate Deputy to the DCI
for the Intelligence Community

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